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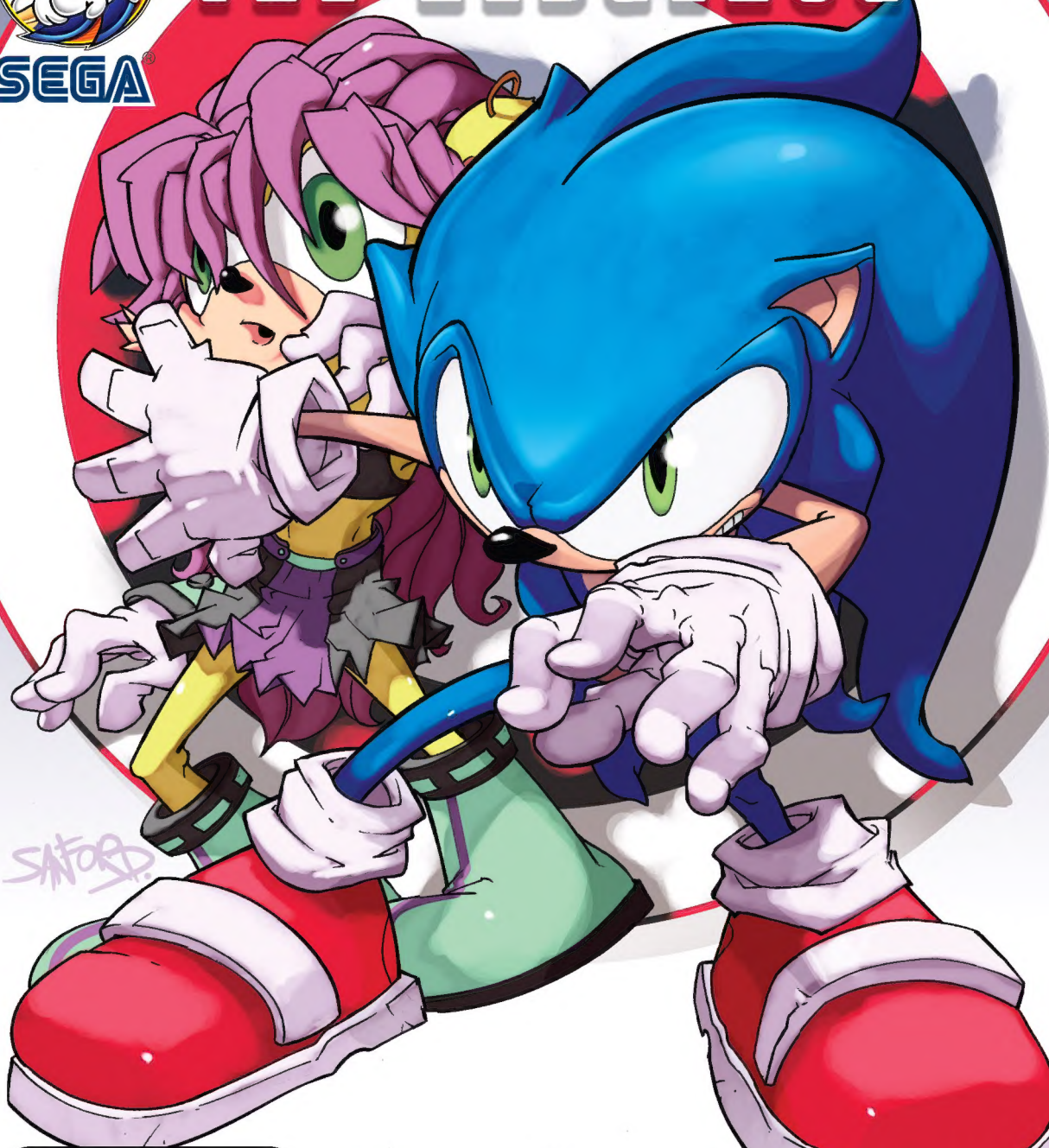
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SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG



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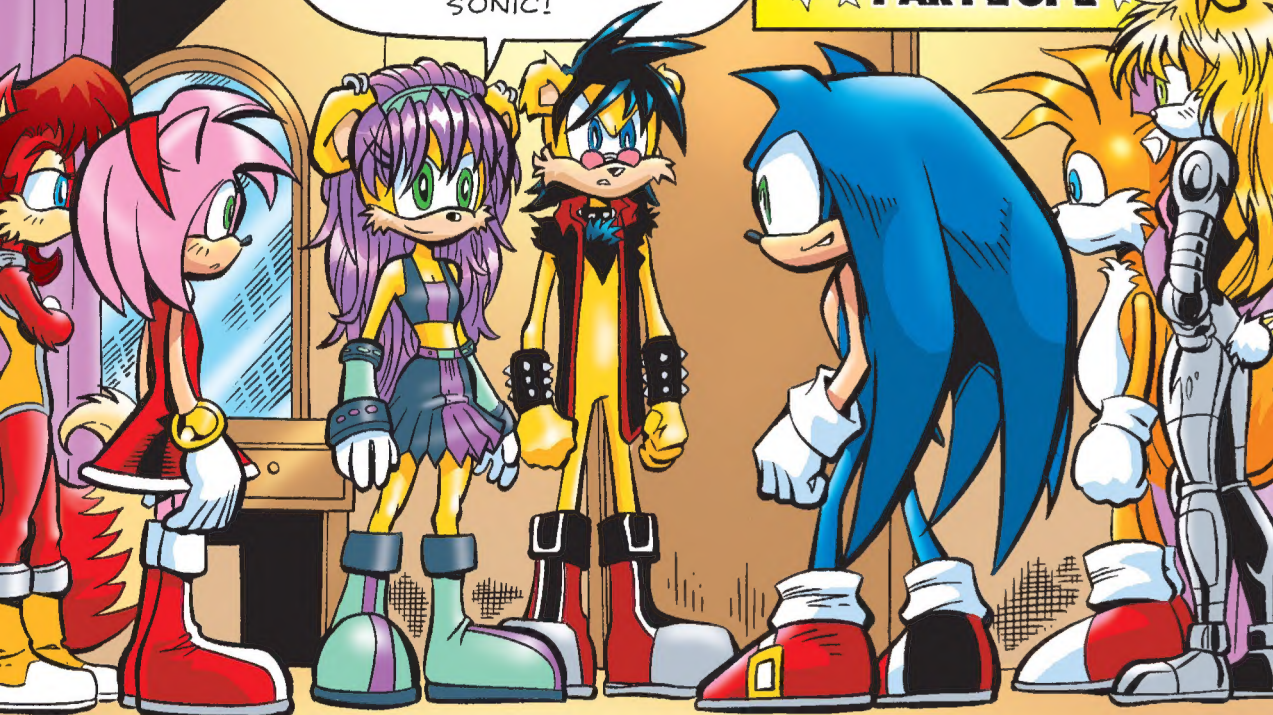


TARGET!

S UNSET
HILL--
KNOT-
HOLE.

I FEEL SO MUCH SAFER
KNOWING THAT PRINCESS
SALLY HAS ASSIGNED YOU
AND THE REST OF THE
FREEDOM FIGHTERS
TO PROTECT ME AT
TONIGHT'S CONCERT,
SONIC!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
SONGOOSE
☆☆ PART 2 OF 2 ☆☆



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"WELL, AFTER NACK
THE WEASEL'S BOTCHED
ASSASSINATION
ATTEMPT, *WE DIDN'T
WANT TO TAKE ANY
CHANCES, MINA...!"

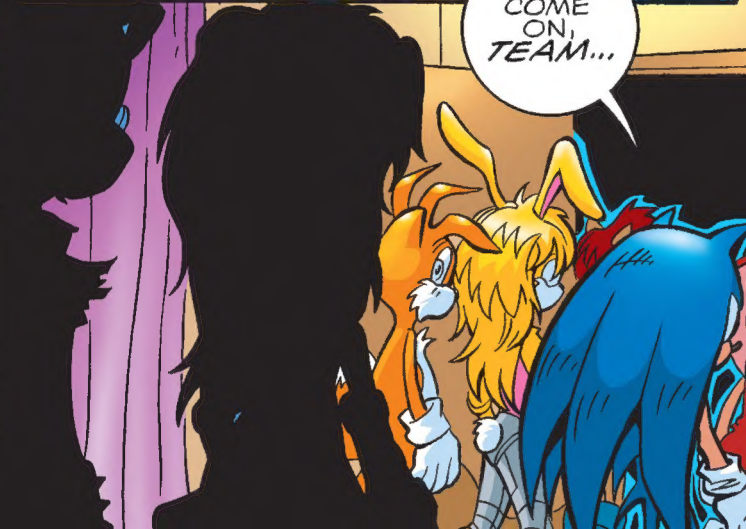
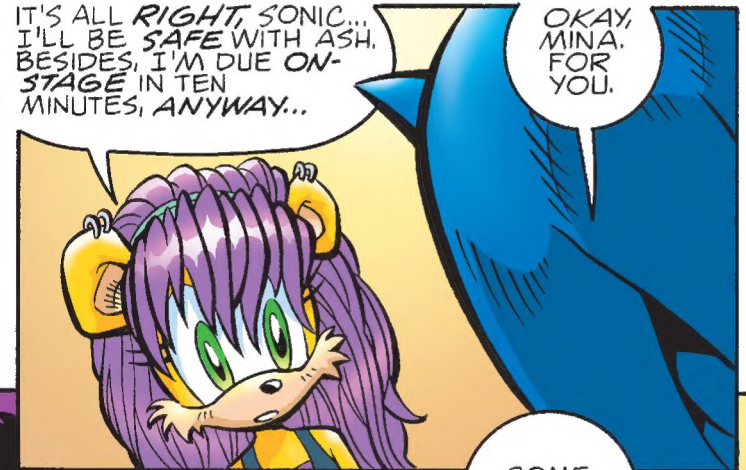
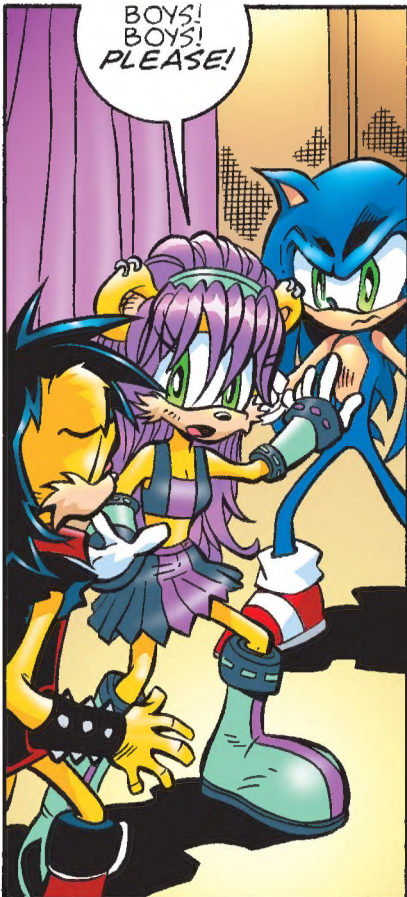
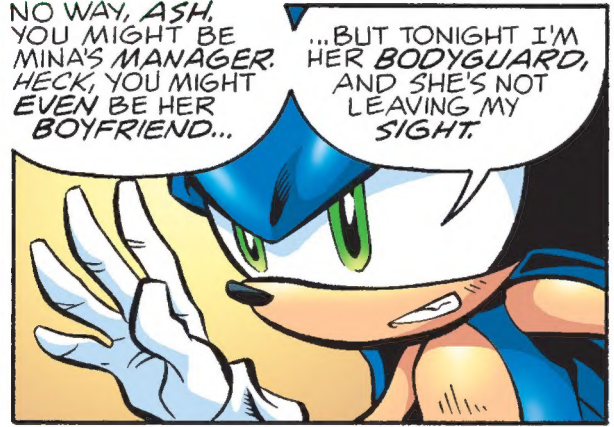
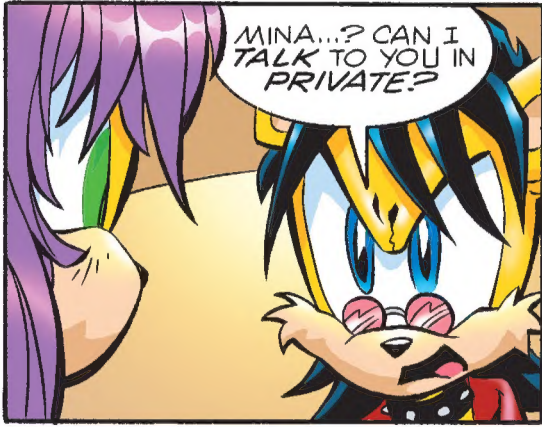
...AND IF DOCTOR ROBOTNIK HATES
YOUR MUSIC SO MUCH THAT HE'S
WILLING TO PUT A HIT ON YOU, THAT'S
JUST ONE MORE REASON FOR THE
REST OF THE PLANET TO
LISTEN TO IT!

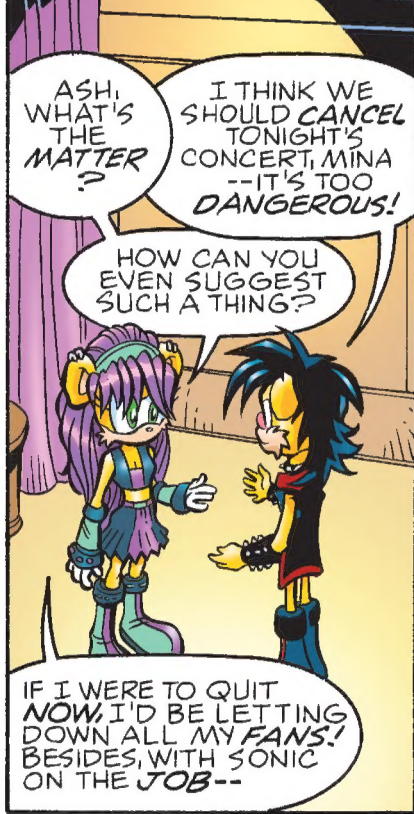


*SEE LAST
ISSUE.



SPECIAL THANKS TO ROBERT LEFFLER AND DYNA LOPEZ AT SEGA LICENSING



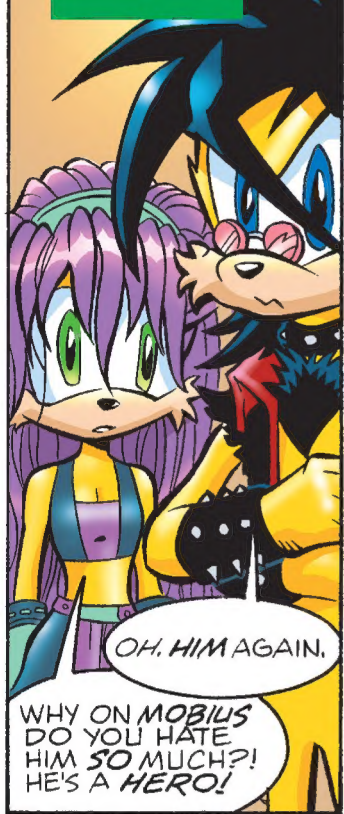


ASH, WHAT'S THE MATTER?

I THINK WE SHOULD CANCEL TONIGHT'S CONCERT, MINA -- IT'S TOO DANGEROUS!

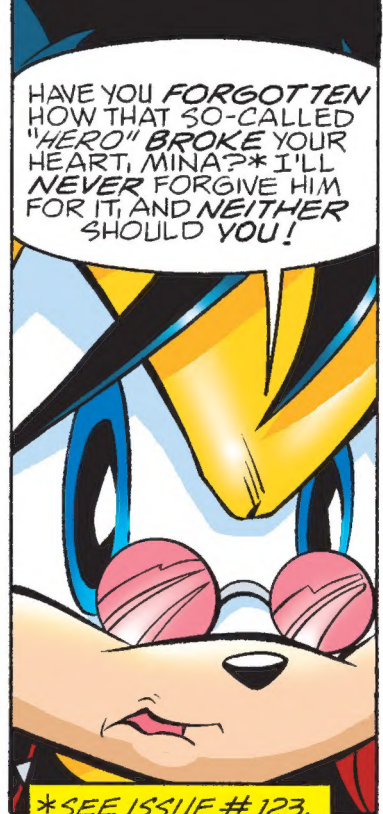
HOW CAN YOU EVEN SUGGEST SUCH A THING?

IF I WERE TO QUIT NOW, I'D BE LETTING DOWN ALL MY FANS! BESIDES, WITH SONIC ON THE JOB--



OH, HIM AGAIN.

WHY ON MOBIUS DO YOU HATE HIM SO MUCH?! HE'S A HERO!



HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN HOW THAT SO-CALLED "HERO" BROKE YOUR HEART, MINA? *I'LL NEVER FORGIVE HIM FOR IT, AND NEITHER SHOULD YOU!

*SEE ISSUE # 123.



YOU KNOW THAT IT'S NOT IN MY NATURE TO BEHAVE THAT WAY, ASH.

ISN'T IT? OR MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE...

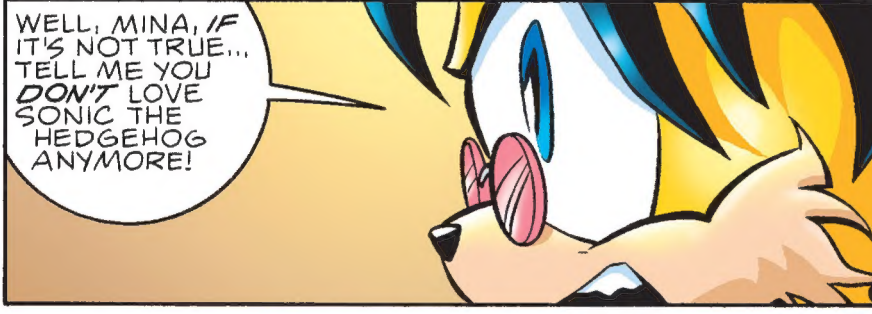
...YOU'RE STILL CARRYING A TORCH FOR THE JERK!

HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT AFTER ALL WE'VE BEEN THROUGH THIS PAST YEAR?

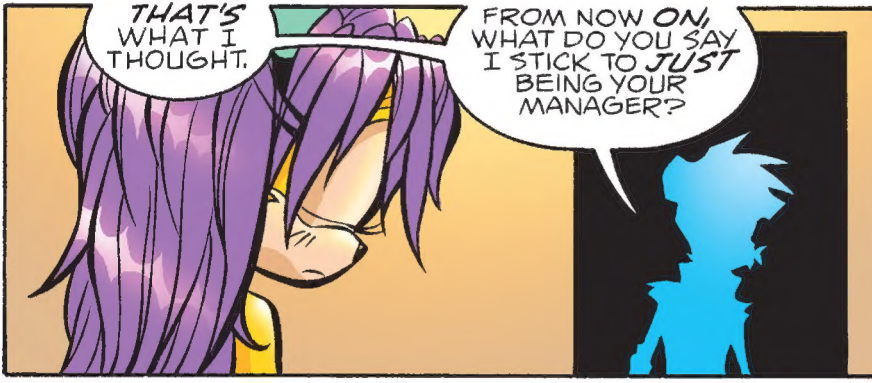


BECAUSE THE MAJORITY OF YOUR SONG LYRICS ARE WRITTEN ABOUT HIM!

WHAT?! THAT'S NOT TRUE!



WELL, MINA, IF IT'S NOT TRUE... TELL ME YOU DON'T LOVE SONIC THE HEDGEHOG ANYMORE!



THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT.

FROM NOW ON, WHAT DO YOU SAY I STICK TO JUST BEING YOUR MANAGER?

MEANWHILE...

WHOA.

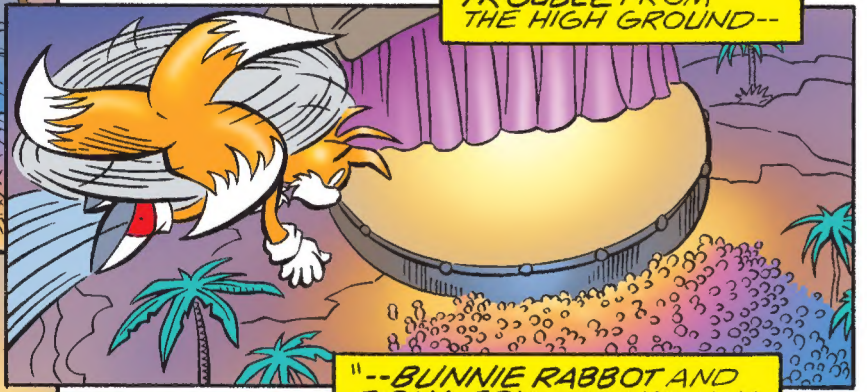
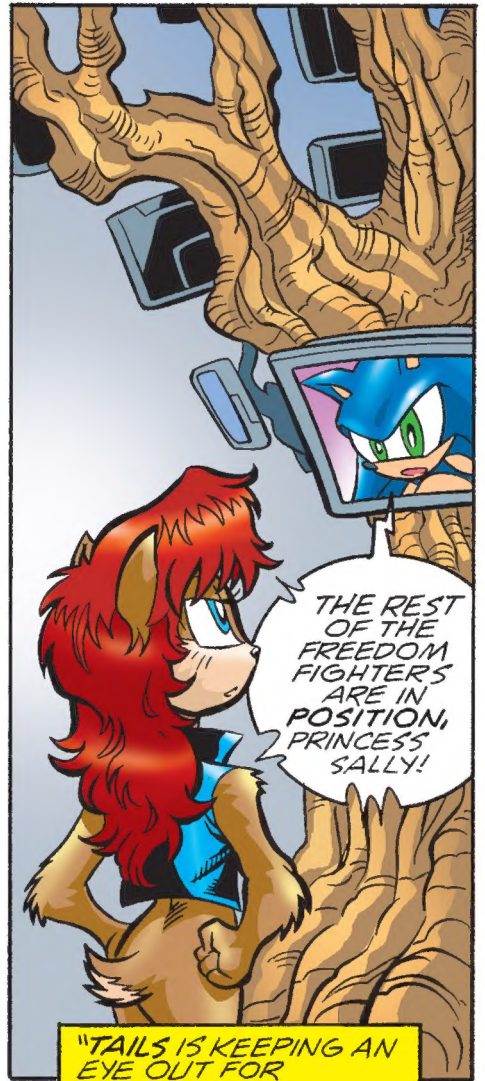
WHAT A MAJOR TURNOUT!
CAN MINA PACK THE HOUSE OR WHAT?

WELL, SONIC...?
WHAT'S YOUR STATUS?

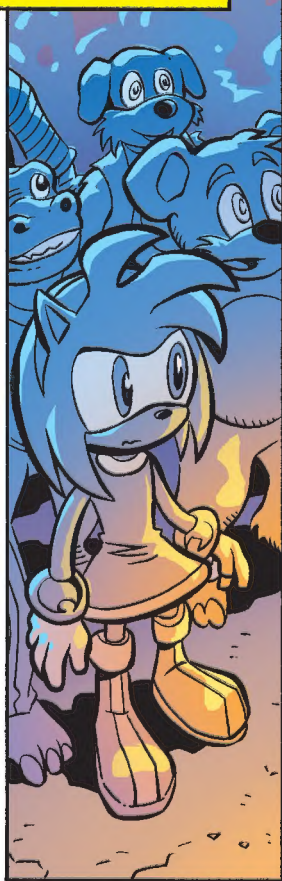
THE REST OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS ARE IN POSITION, PRINCESS SALLY!

"TAILS IS KEEPING AN EYE OUT FOR TROUBLE FROM THE HIGH GROUND--"

"--BUNNIE RABBIT AND FIONA FOX ARE WATCHING THE CROWD FOR ANY SUSPICIOUS TYPES--"



"--AMY ROSE IS AT FRONT ROW, CENTER STAGE--"



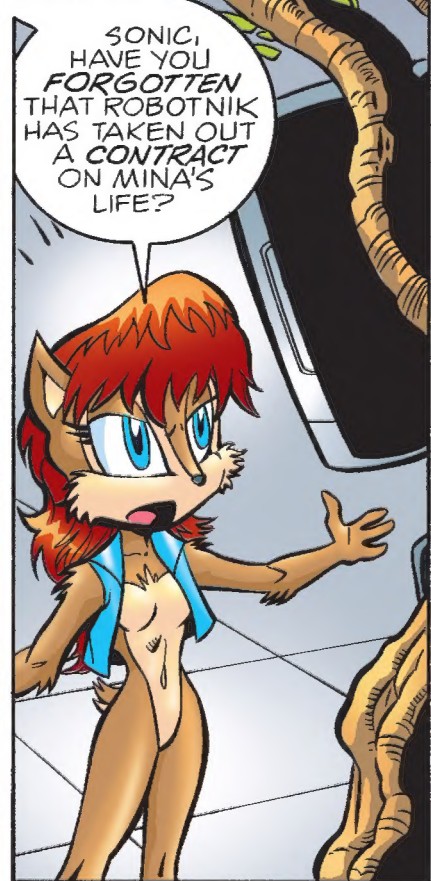
--AND I'LL BE STANDING JUST OFFSTAGE DURING MINA'S PERFORMANCE!



GOOD. WHERE'S MINA?

SHE'S... UHH... IN HER DRESSING ROOM...

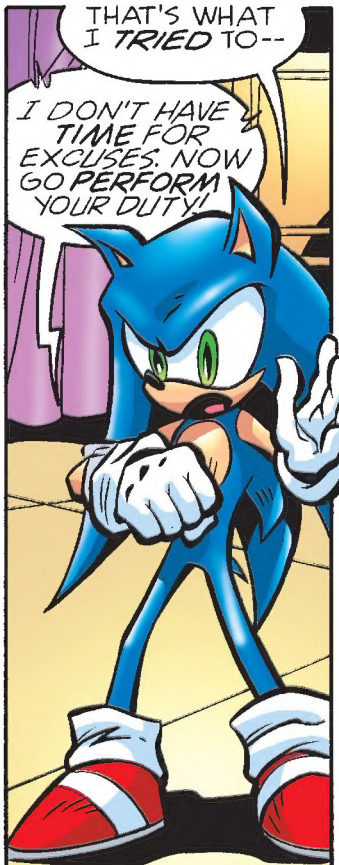
YOU LET HER OUT OF YOUR SIGHT?!



SONIC, HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THAT ROBOTNIK HAS TAKEN OUT A CONTRACT ON MINA'S LIFE?

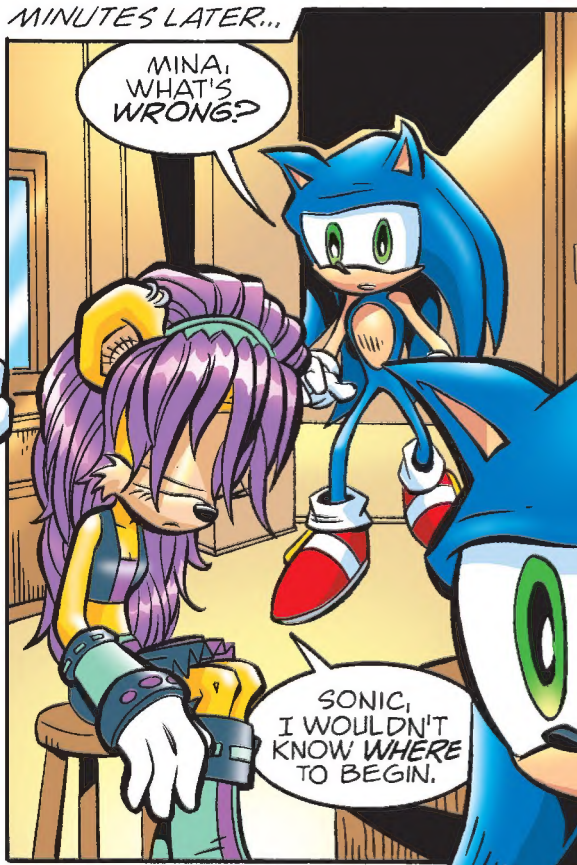
THAT'S WHAT I TRIED TO--

I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR EXCUSES. NOW GO PERFORM YOUR DUTY!



MINUTES LATER...

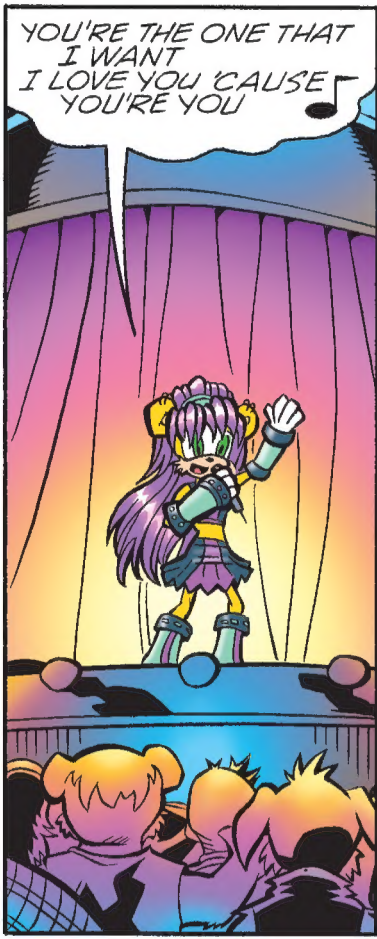
MINA, WHAT'S WRONG?



SONIC, I WOULDN'T KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN.

I KNOW EXACTLY HOW YOU FEEL...

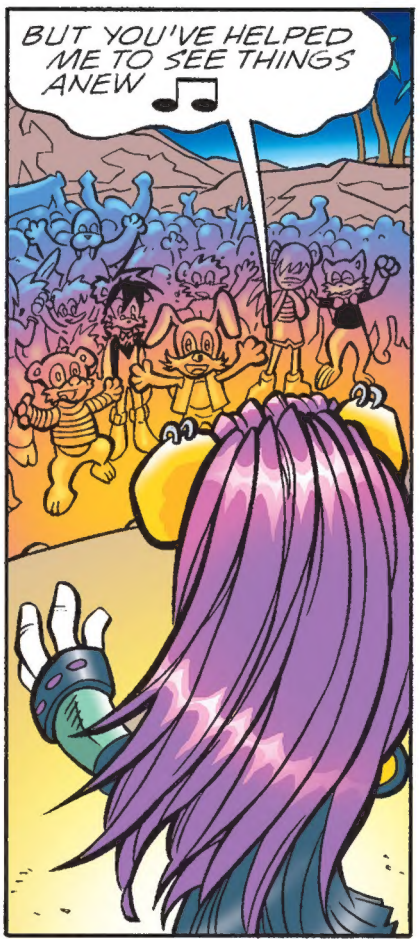




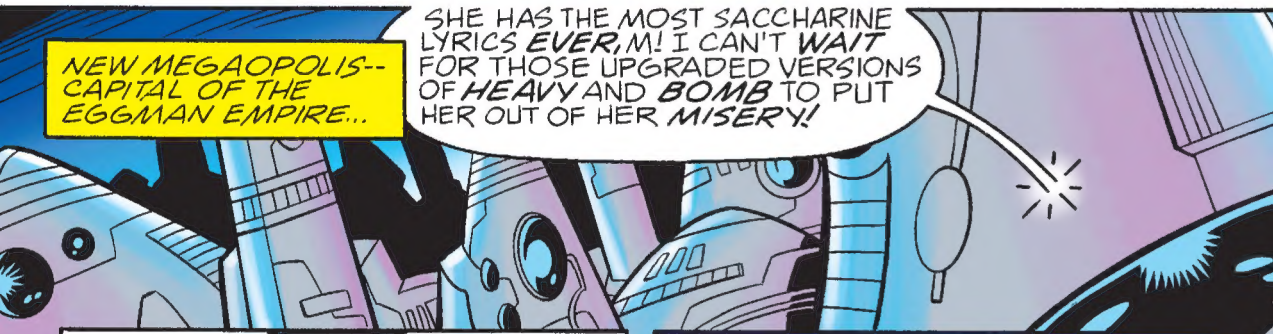
YOU'RE THE ONE THAT I WANT
I LOVE YOU 'CAUSE YOU'RE YOU



THERE'S NO NEED TO BE BLUE
OH, IT'S TRUE I FELT HAUNTED BY
MEMORIES THAT TAUNTED



BUT YOU'VE HELPED ME TO SEE THINGS
ANEW



NEW MEGAOPOLIS--
CAPITAL OF THE
EGGMAN EMPIRE...

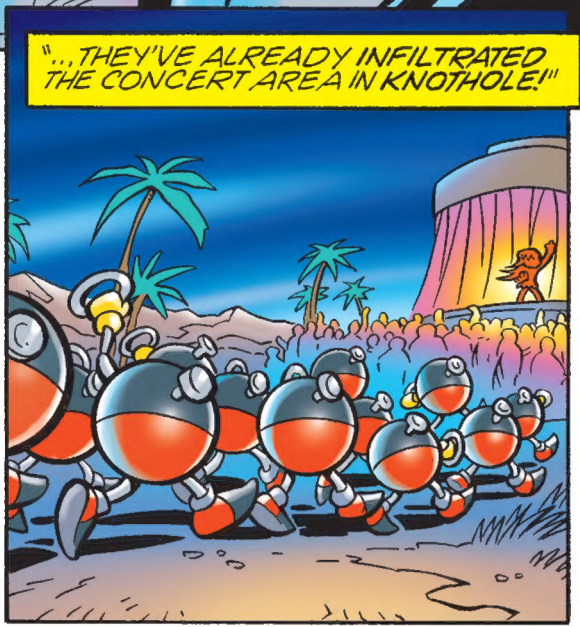
SHE HAS THE MOST SACCHARINE
LYRICS EVER, M! I CAN'T WAIT
FOR THOSE UPGRADED VERSIONS
OF HEAVY AND BOMB TO PUT
HER OUT OF HER MISERY!



WHAT IS THEIR CURRENT
LOCATION,
FATHER?

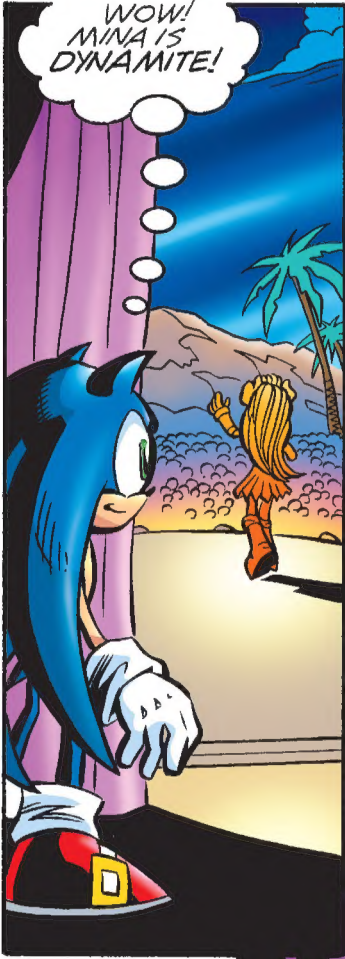
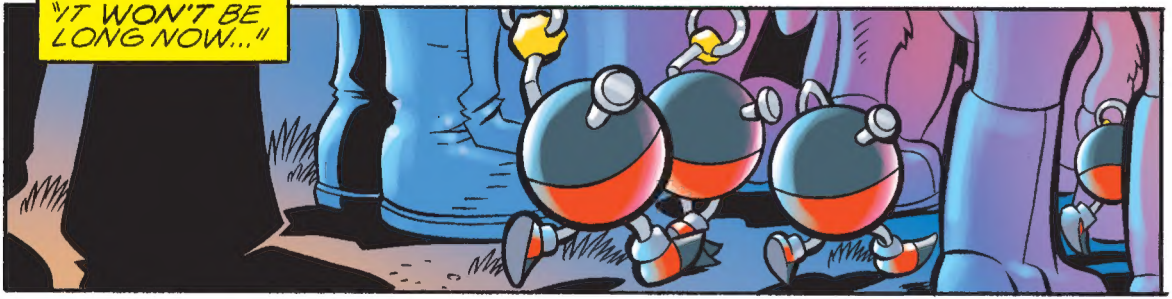
ACCORDING TO
MY GPS
READINGS...

*GLOBAL
POSITIONING
SYSTEM.

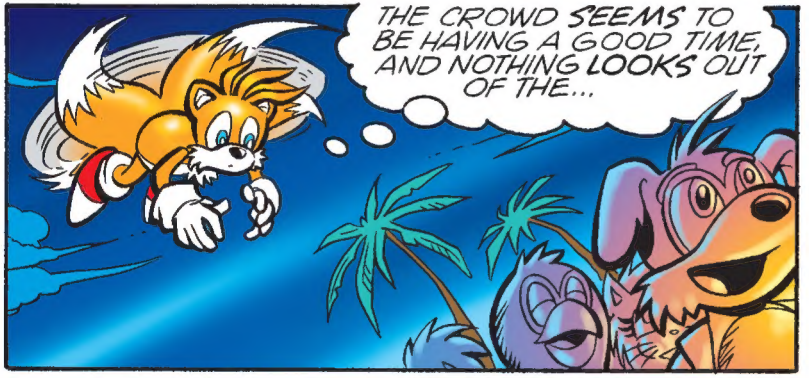


"...THEY'VE ALREADY INFILTRATED
THE CONCERT AREA IN KNOTHOLE!"

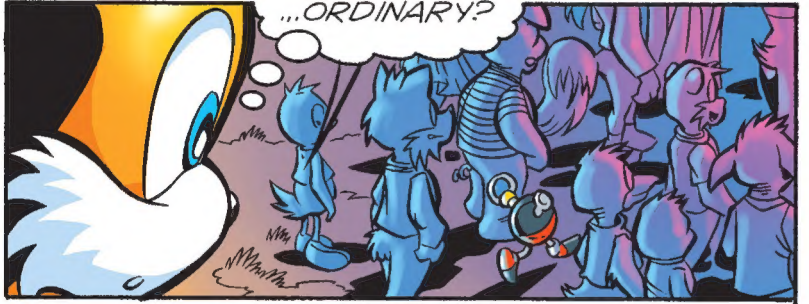
"IT WON'T BE LONG NOW..."



WOW!
MINA IS
DYNAMITE!



THE CROWD SEEMS TO
BE HAVING A GOOD TIME,
AND NOTHING LOOKS OUT
OF THE...



...ORDINARY?



OH,
NO!
IT'S--

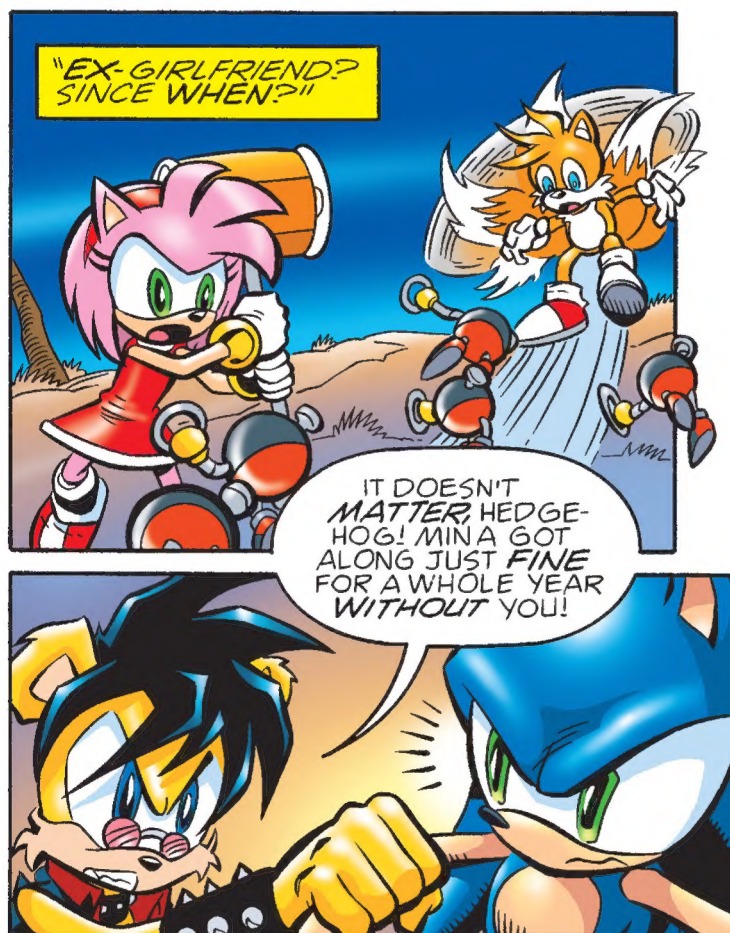
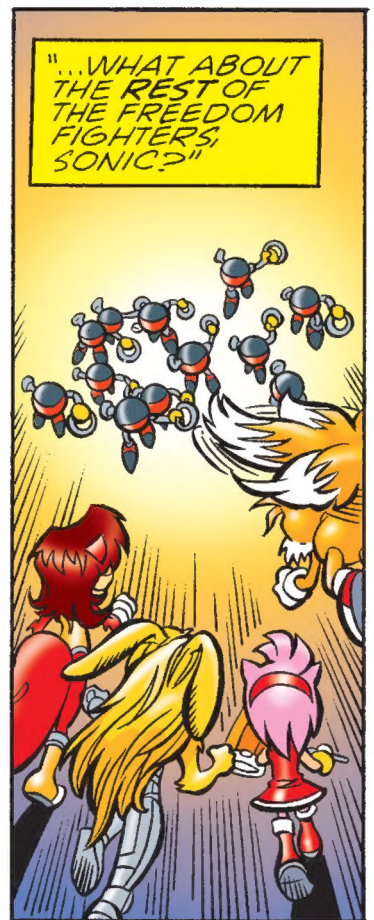
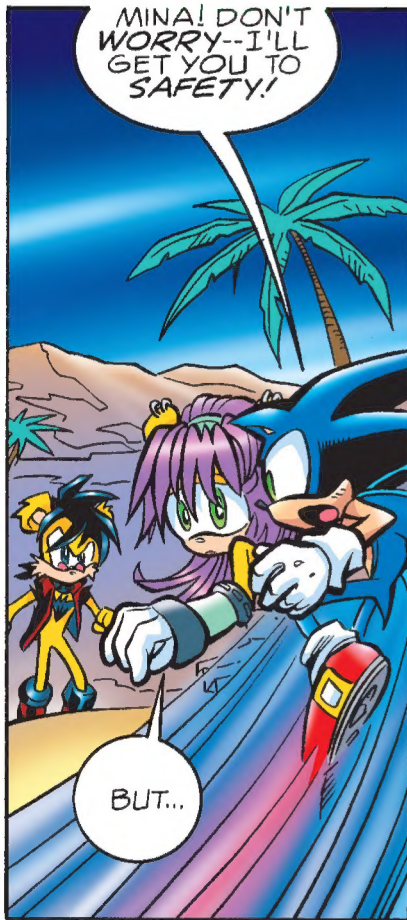
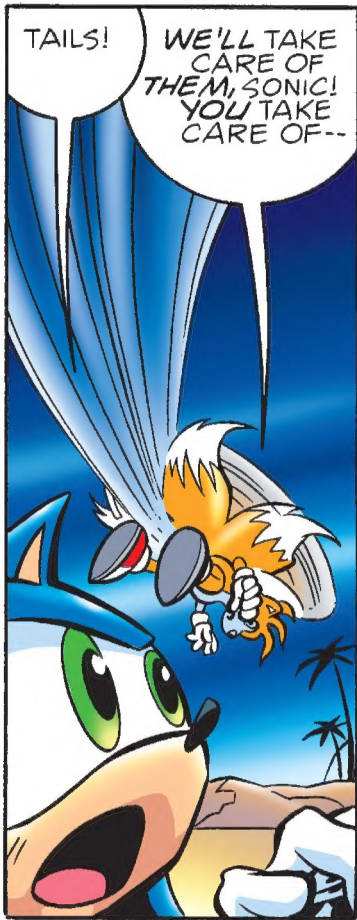


BOMB!

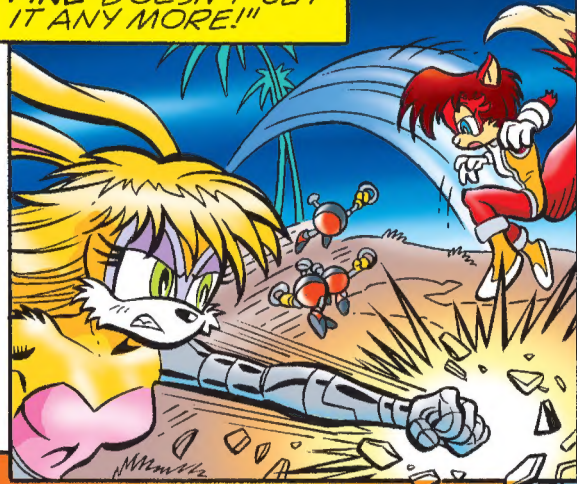


GREAT!

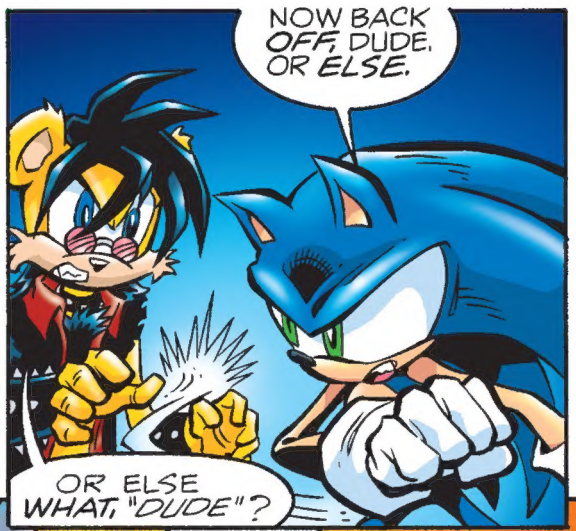
JUST
WHAT WE
NEEDED.



"WELL, MAYBE JUST FINE! DOESN'T CUT IT ANY MORE!!"



NOW BACK OFF, DUDE, OR ELSE.



OR ELSE WHAT, "DUDE"?

HEAVY!

CRASH!

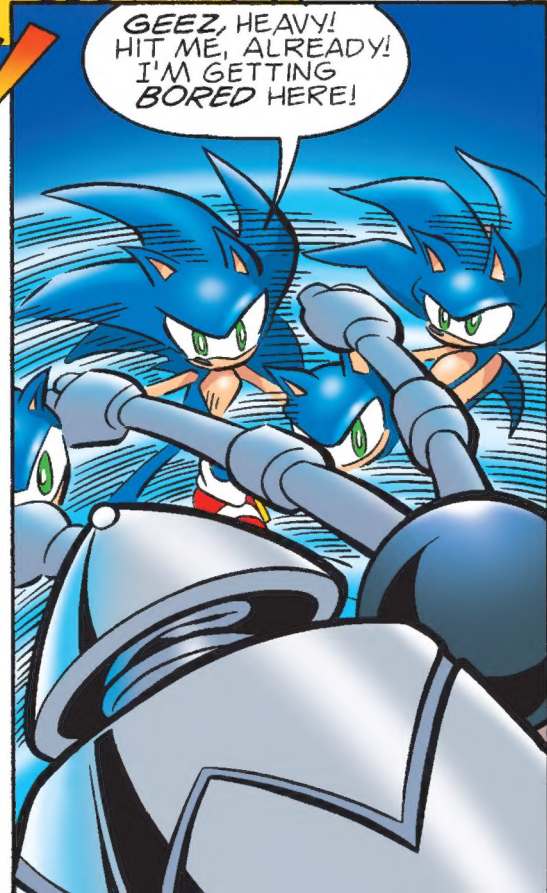
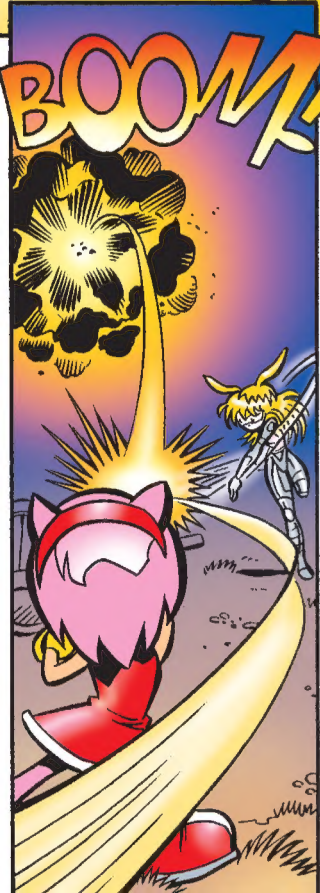
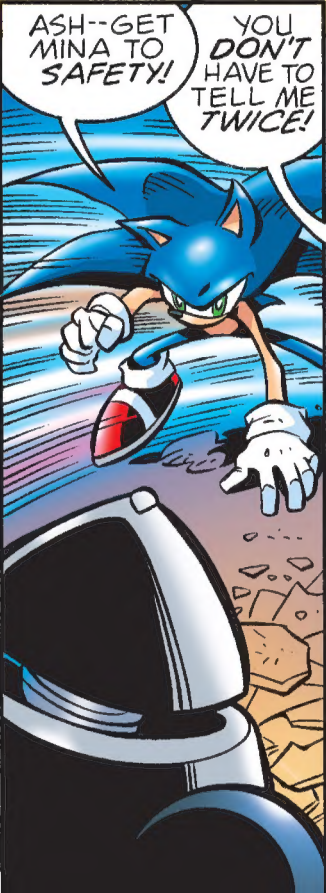
I SHOULD'VE KNOWN HE AND BOMB ALWAYS COME AS A PACKAGE DEAL!

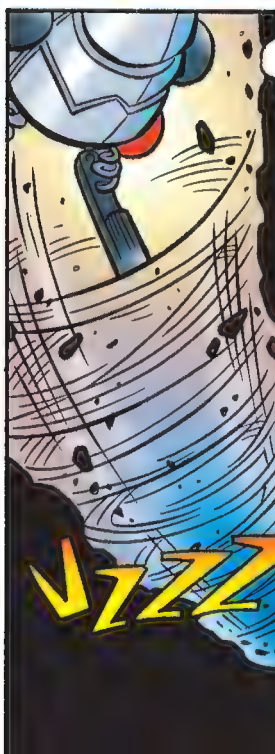
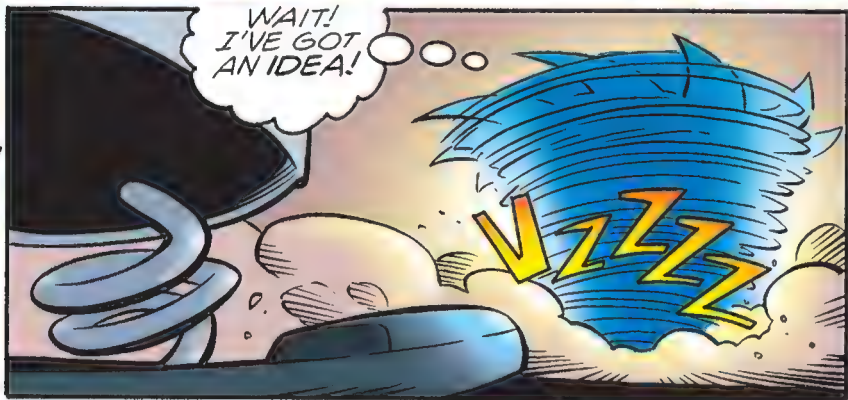
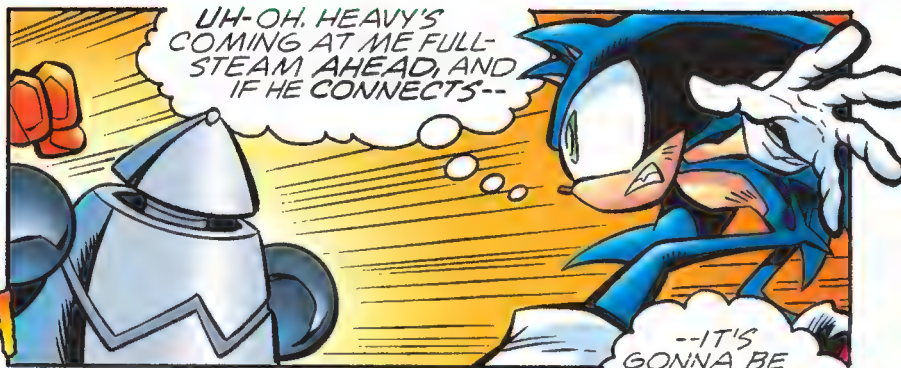
ASH--GET MINA TO SAFETY!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME TWICE!

BOOM!

GEEZ, HEAVY! HIT ME, ALREADY! I'M GETTING BORED HERE!



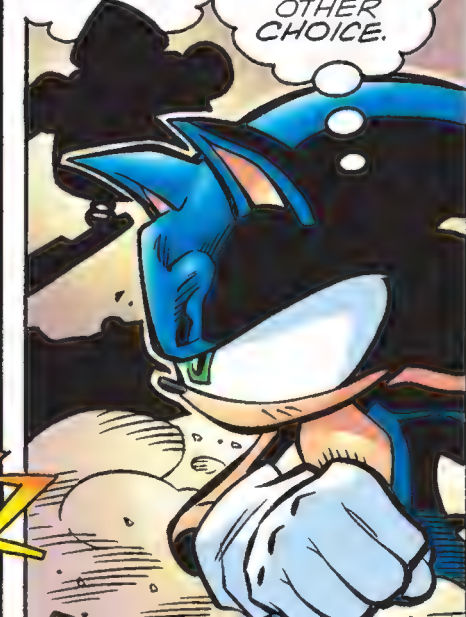


LET'S JUST HOPE THAT BUCKET OF BOLTS--

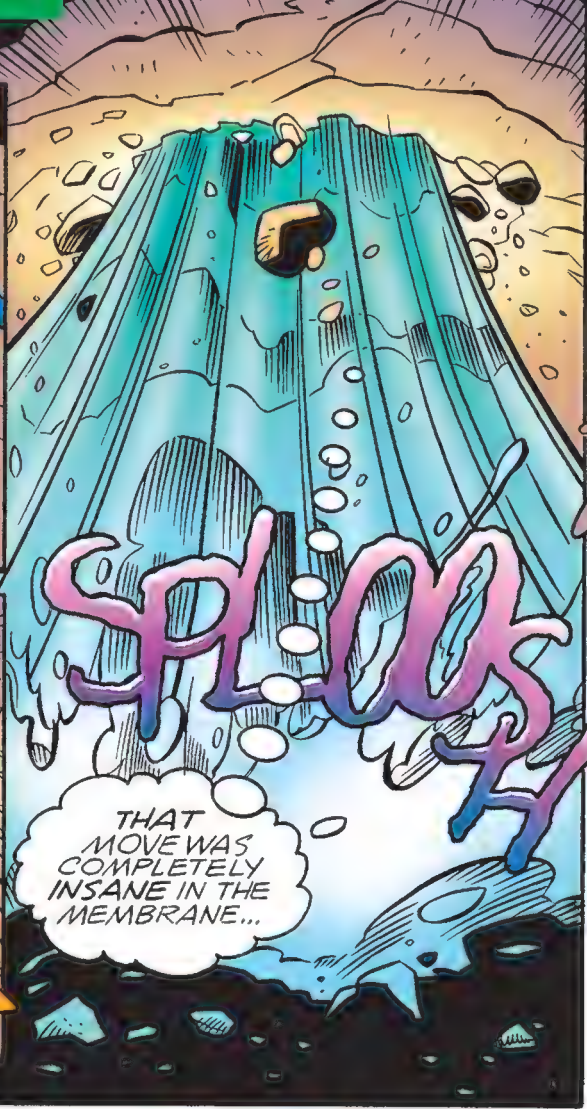
--IS STUPID ENOUGH TO TAKE THE BAIT!

WELL, THIS IS IT--THE POINT OF NO RETURN!

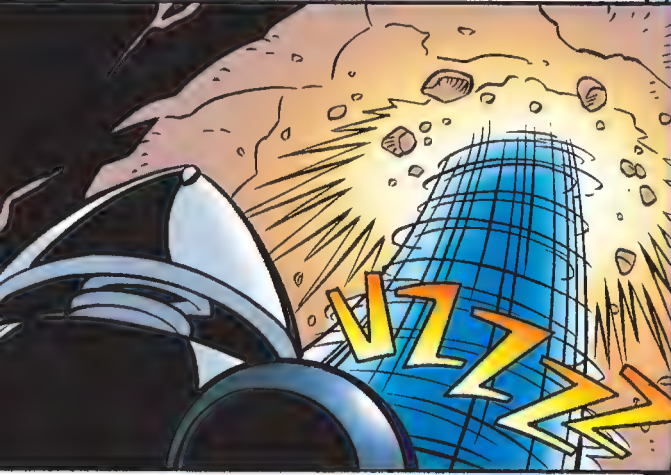
IT'S A GAMBLE, BUT I'VE GOT NO OTHER CHOICE.



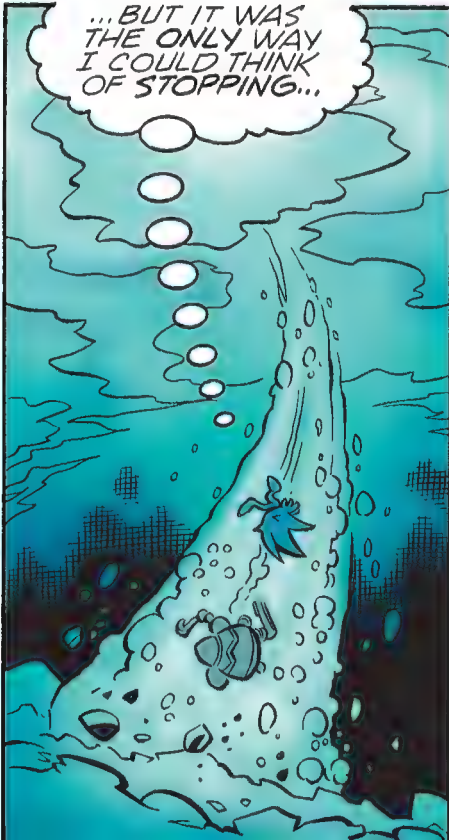
BELIEVE ME,
HEAVY--THIS IS GONNA
HURT ME A LOT WORSE
THAN YOU!



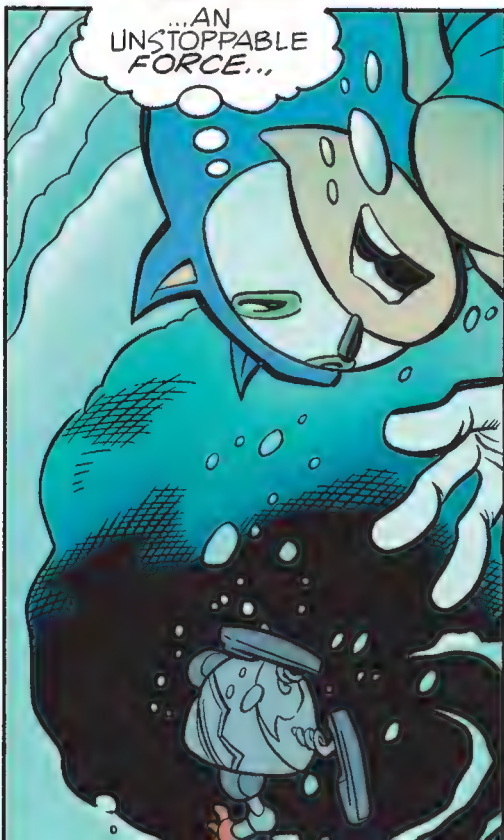
THAT
MOVE WAS
COMPLETELY
INSANE IN THE
MEMBRANE...

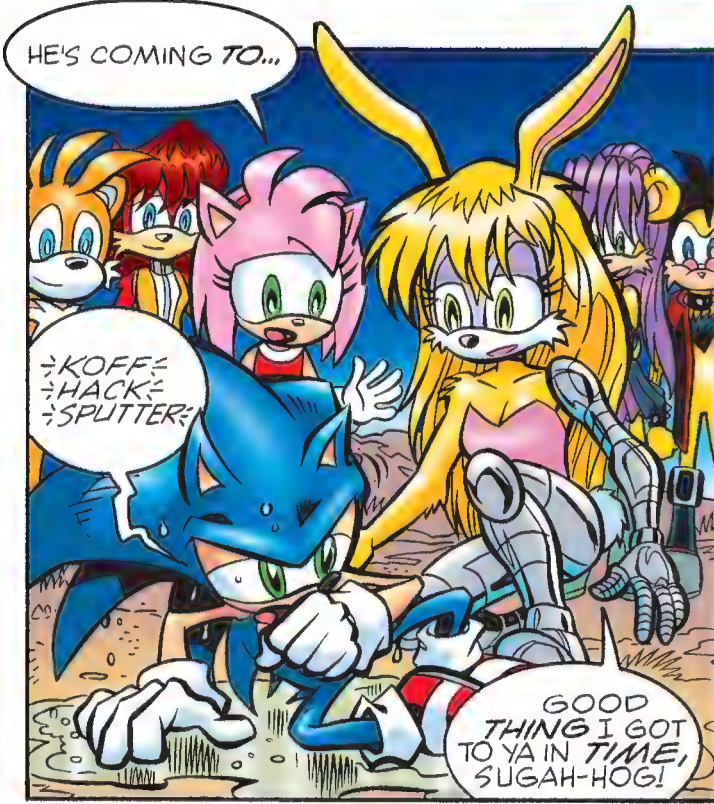


...BUT IT WAS
THE ONLY WAY
I COULD THINK
OF STOPPING...



...AN
UNSTOPPABLE
FORCE...

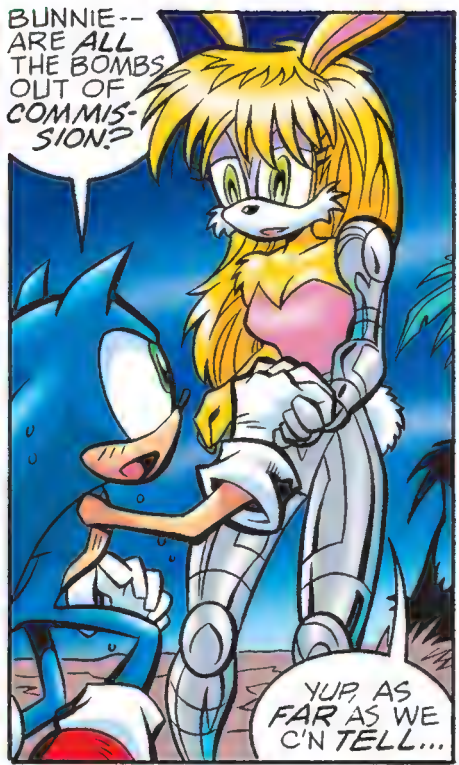




HE'S COMING TO...

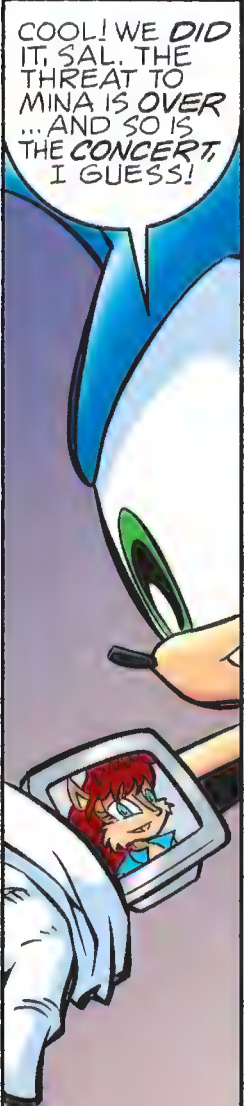
⇒KOFF⇒
⇒HACK⇒
⇒SPLITER⇒

GOOD
THING I GOT
TO YA IN TIME,
SUGAH-HOG!



BUNNIE--
ARE ALL
THE BOMBS
OUT OF
COMMISS-
SION.?

YUP, AS
FAR AS WE
C'N TELL...



COOL! WE DID
IT, SAL. THE
THREAT TO
MINA IS OVER
... AND SO IS
THE CONCERT,
I GUESS!

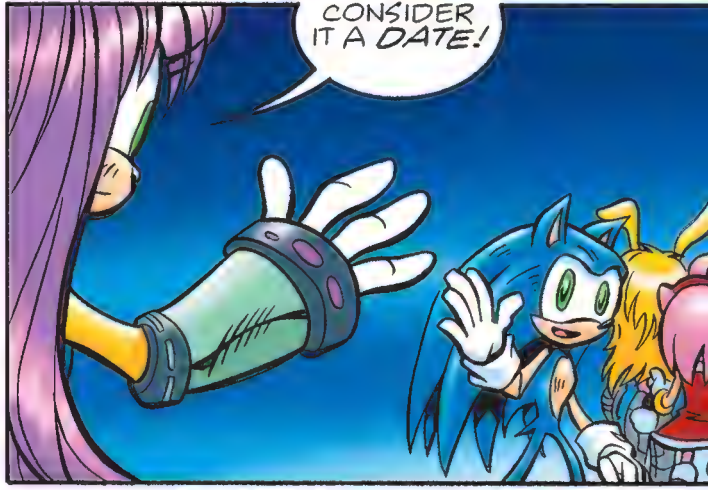


DON'T WORRY,
SONIC. MINA
WILL SING
AGAIN, THANKS
TO YOU AND
YOUR TEAM.
HOPEFULLY,
ROBOTNIK
WILL REALIZE
SHE'S NO EASY
TARGET.



SONIC, HOW CAN
I EVER THANK YOU
FOR SAVING THE
DAY.?

PROMISE
ME WE'LL HAVE
CHILD DOGS
SOMETIME!



CONSIDER
IT A DATE!

SOON...

MINA, WAIT!

WHAT DO YOU WANT, ASH?

I WANT TO TALK.

I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYTHING LEFT TO DISCUSS. IT'S OVER BETWEEN US.

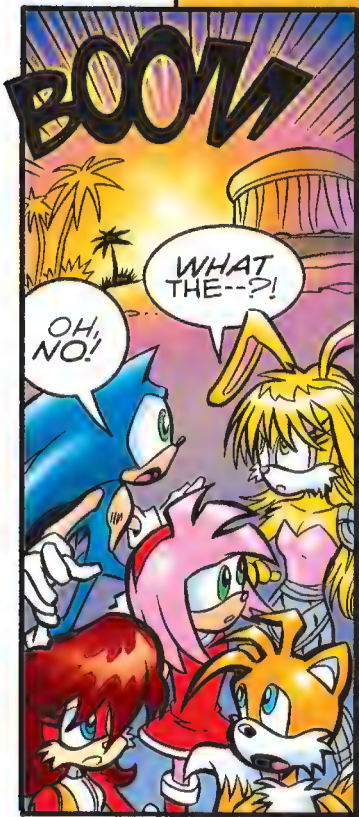
BUT I LOVE--

OH, MY GOSH! ANOTHER BOMB!

TICK-TICK
TICK-TICK

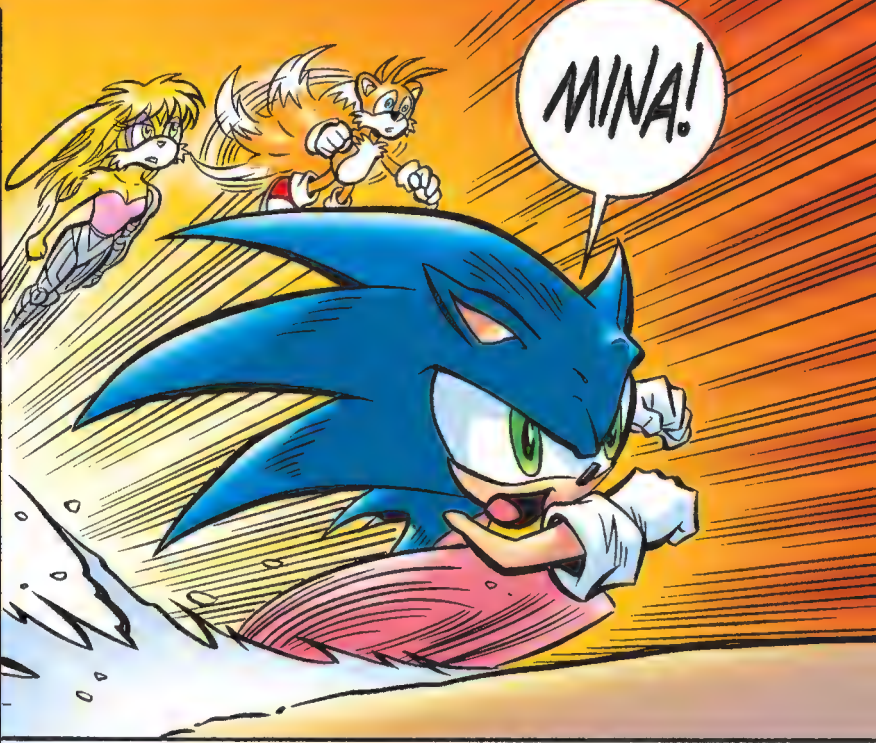
DON'T WORRY, MINA! I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT!

ASH! NO!!!

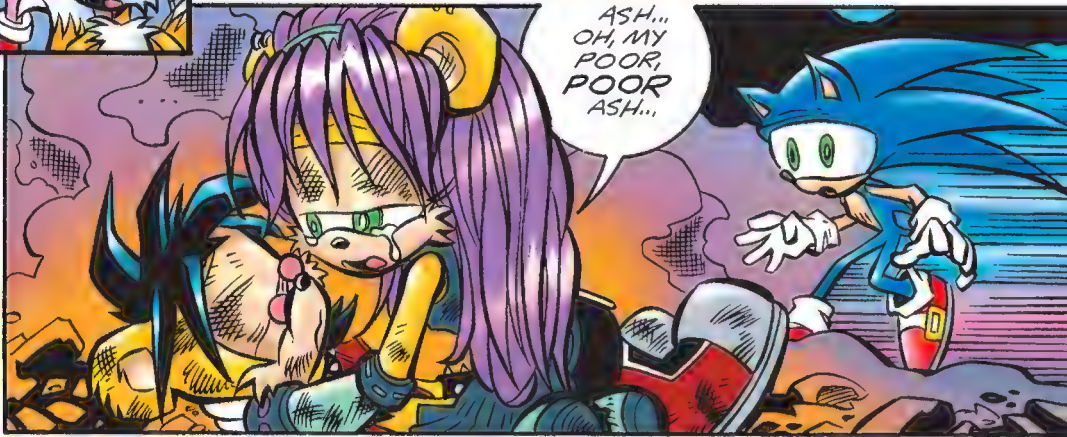


OH, NO!

WHAT THE---?!



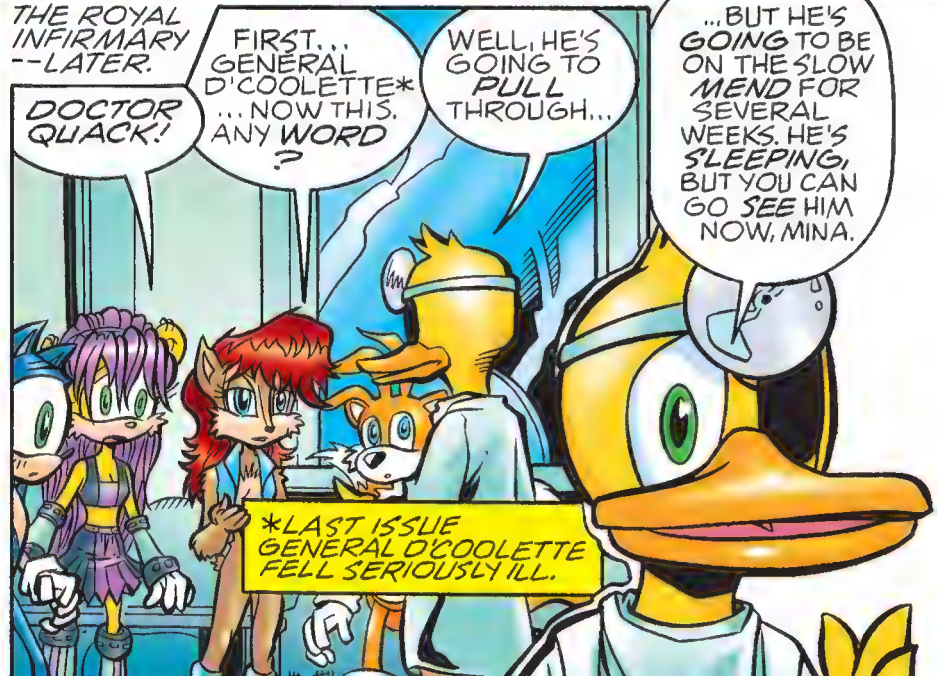
MINA!



ASH... OH, MY POOR, POOR ASH...



CASTLE ACORN.



THE ROYAL INFIRMARY --LATER.

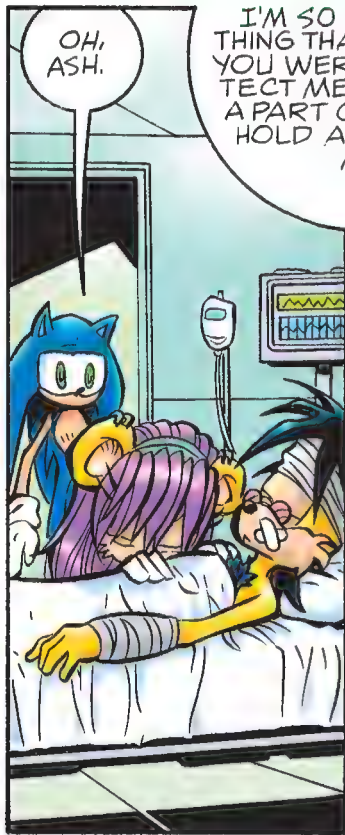
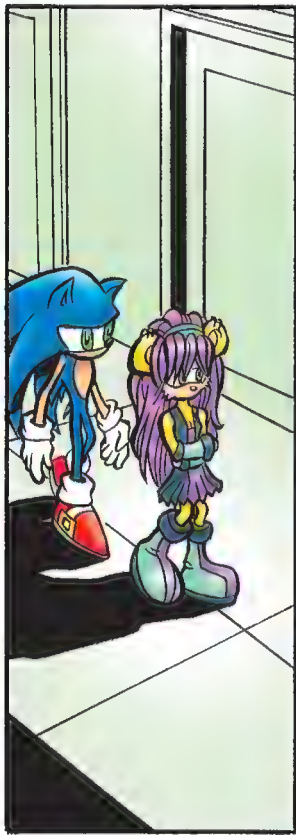
DOCTOR QUACK!

FIRST... GENERAL D'COOLETTE* ... NOW THIS. ANY WORD?

WELL, HE'S GOING TO PULL THROUGH...

...BUT HE'S GOING TO BE ON THE SLOW MEND FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. HE'S SLEEPING, BUT YOU CAN GO SEE HIM NOW, MINA.

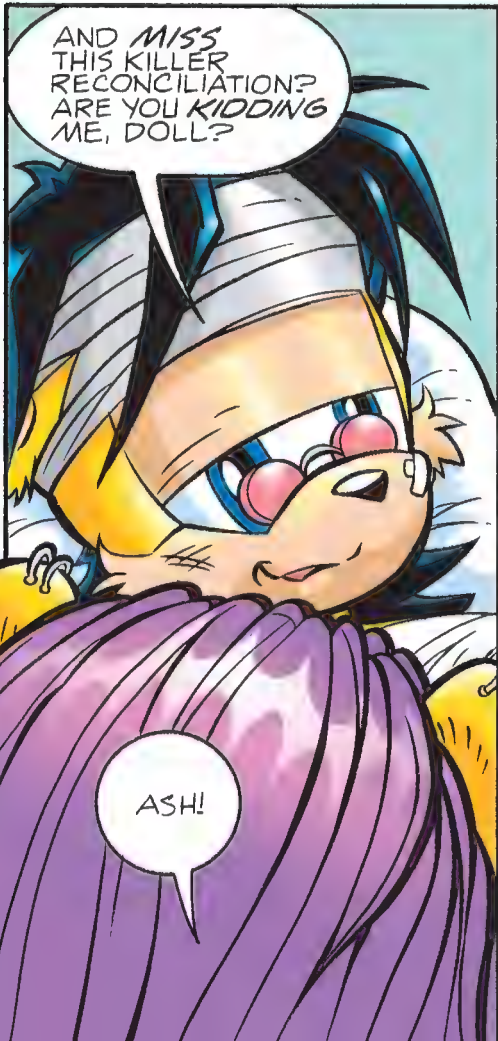
*LAST ISSUE GENERAL D'COOLETTE FELL SERIOUSLY ILL.



I'M SO SORRY FOR EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED. I KNOW YOU WERE ONLY TRYING TO PROTECT ME THE SAME AS SONIC. A PART OF ME WILL ALWAYS HOLD A PLACE FOR HIM IN MY HEART...

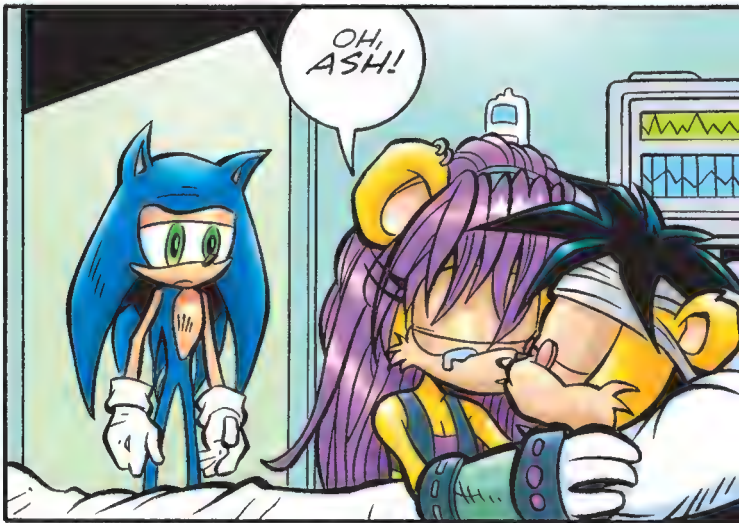


...BUT I DON'T LOVE HIM. I LOVE YOU. I WAS A FOOL NOT TO LET YOU KNOW THAT. MAYBE YOU SHOULD HAVE LET BOMB FINISH ME OFF...



AND MISS THIS KILLER RECONCILIATION? ARE YOU KIDDING ME, DOLL?

ASH!



OH, ASH!





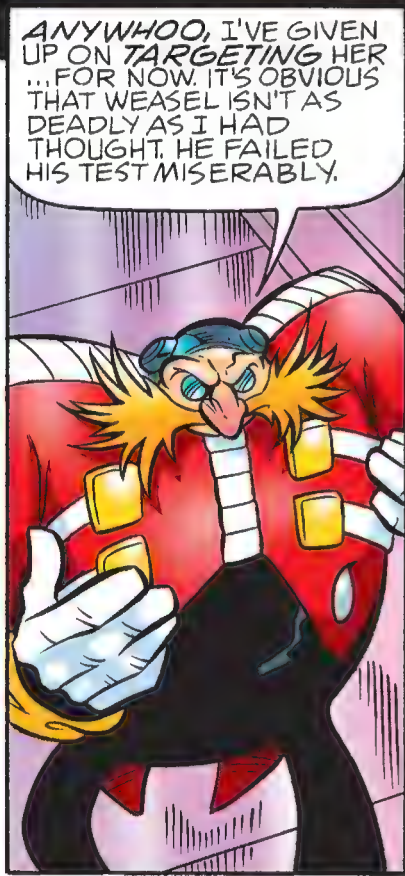
HEAVY AND BOMB HAVE BOTH FLAT-LINED! HOW HARD CAN IT BE TO KILL A SINGING MONGOOSE?!

WHILE SINGING, FATHER? OR WHILE NOT SINGING?

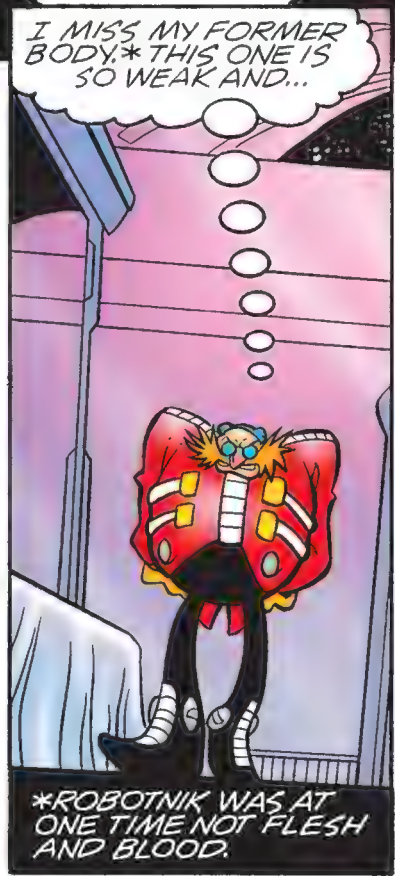
I FORGOT HOW YOU LIKE GAMES. THE QUESTION WAS RHETORICAL.



I MEAN, EVEN I HAVE TO ADMIT THAT HER FIRST ALBUM HAD SOMETHING TO IT, BUT AFTER THAT... UGH! WHO DOES SHE THINK SHE'S KIDDING?

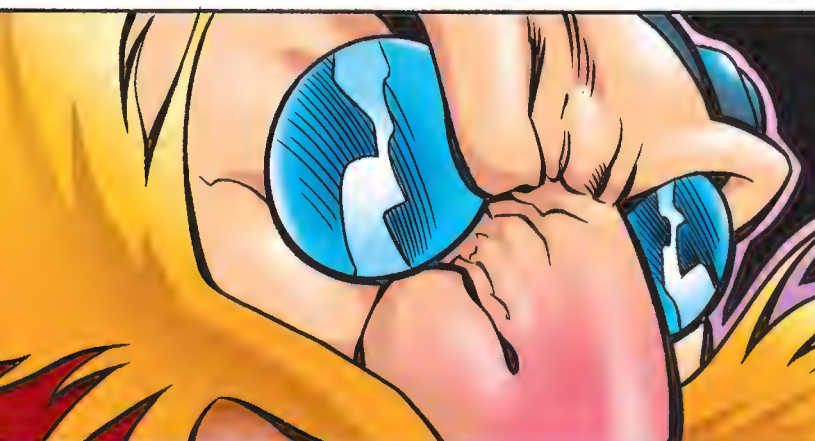


ANYWHOO, I'VE GIVEN UP ON TARGETING HER ... FOR NOW. IT'S OBVIOUS THAT WEASEL ISN'T AS DEADLY AS I HAD THOUGHT. HE FAILED HIS TEST MISERABLY.



I MISS MY FORMER BODY.* THIS ONE IS SO WEAK AND...

*ROBOTNIK WAS AT ONE TIME NOT FLESH AND BLOOD.



...BREAKABLE.

OH, THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA.

next month:
EVIL GENIUS+EVIL IDEAS=
BIG TROUBLE

MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE

EVER SINCE SONIC AND COMPANY HAD DISCOVERED THE EXISTENCE OF THE **NANITES**, THE **BRAIN TRUST** HAS BEEN HARD AT WORK TRYING TO ESTABLISH EXACTLY *WHAT* THEY ARE...

IF THIS DOESN'T **STIMULATE** SOME RESPONSE FROM THE NANITES --

-- THEN **NOTHING** WILL!

LET'S SEE HOW YOU'D REACT WITH **50,000 VOLTS** RUNNING THROUGH **YOUR** SYSTEM!

ELECTRICITY IS TO THEM AS **CHILI-DOGS** ARE TO **SONIC!**

NO REACTION!

THEY'RE **DEAD, SNIVELY!**

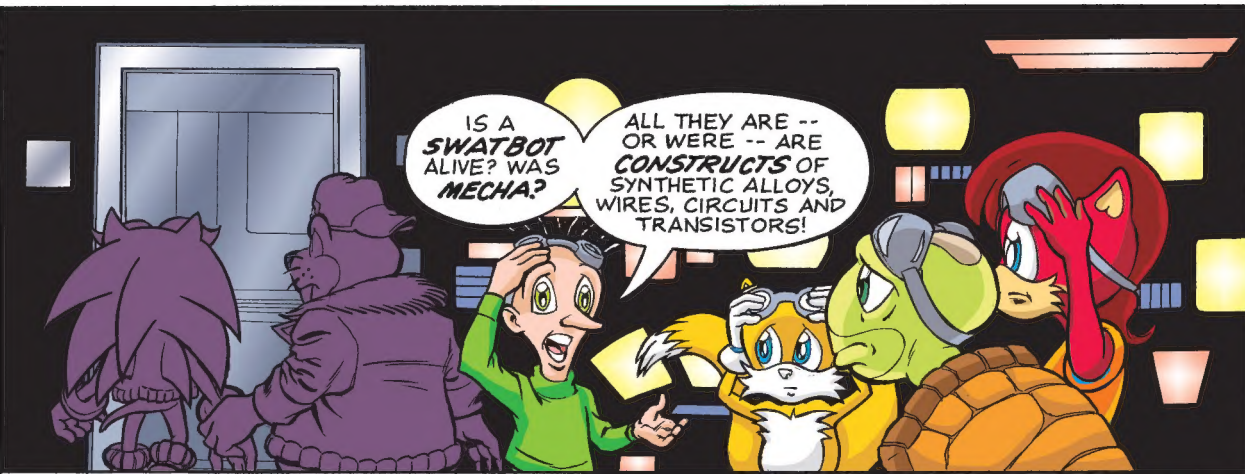
HARDLY, TOMMY!

YOU **CAN'T** KILL SOMETHING THAT **WASN'T** EVEN **ALIVE** TO BEGIN WITH!

YOU **KILLED** THE **NANITES!**

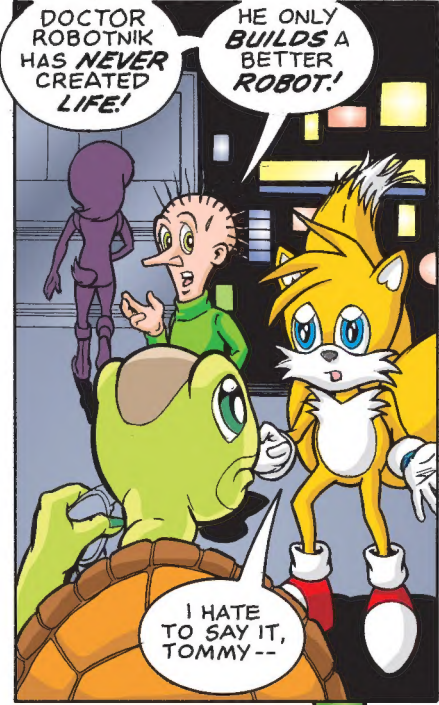
HOW CAN YOU BE SURE?

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IS A **SWATBOT** ALIVE? WAS **MECHA**?

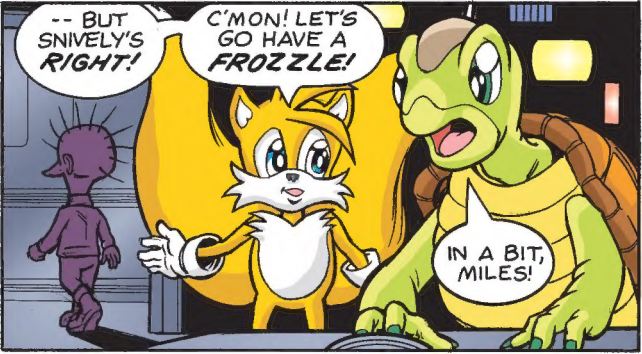
ALL THEY ARE -- OR WERE -- ARE **CONSTRUCTS** OF SYNTHETIC ALLOYS, WIRES, CIRCUITS AND TRANSISTORS!



DOCTOR ROBOTNIK HAS **NEVER** CREATED **LIFE**!

HE ONLY **BUILDS** A BETTER **ROBOT**!

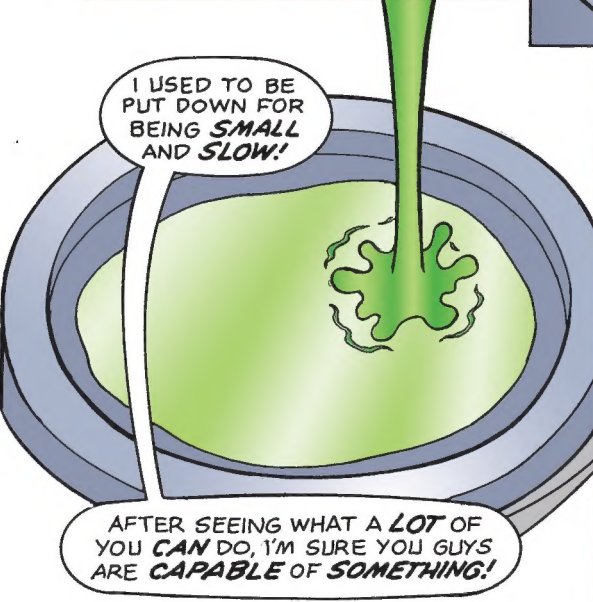
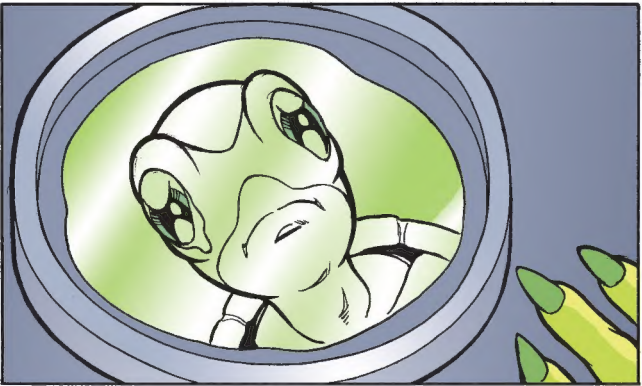
I HATE TO SAY IT, TOMMY --



-- BUT **SNIVELY'S** **RIGHT**!

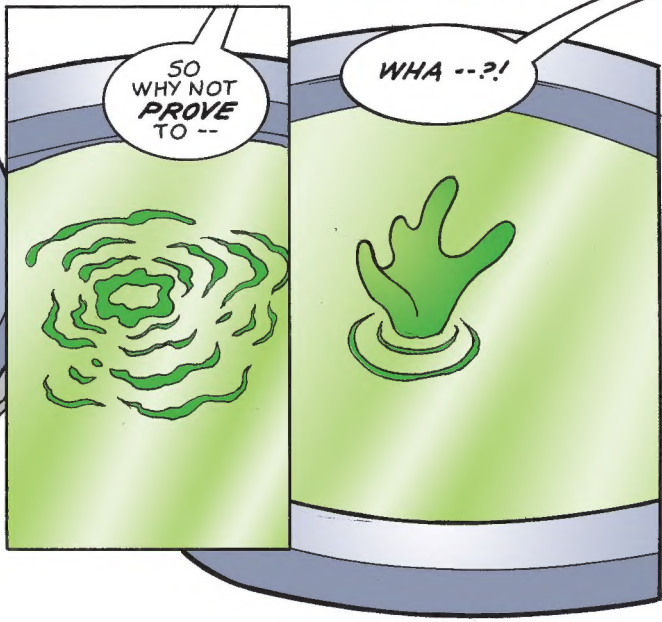
C'MON! LET'S GO HAVE A **FROZZLE**!

IN A BIT, MILES!



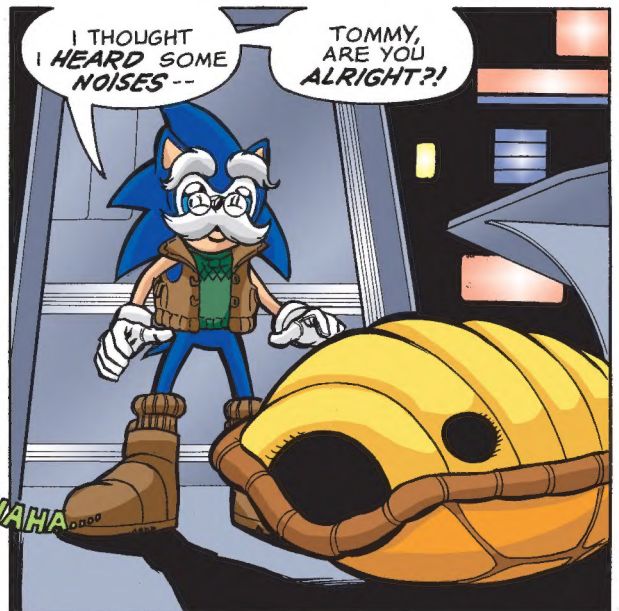
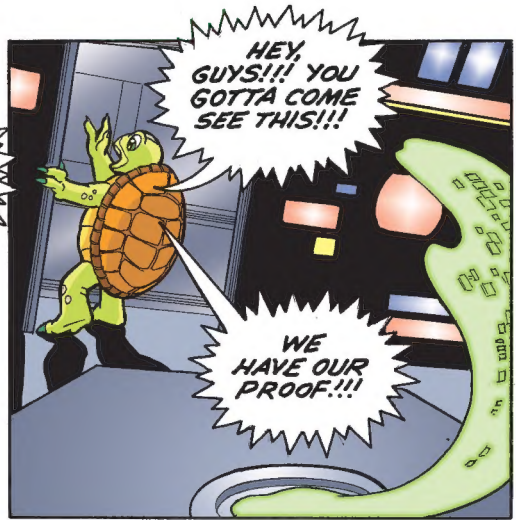
I USED TO BE PUT DOWN FOR BEING **SMALL** AND **SLOW**!

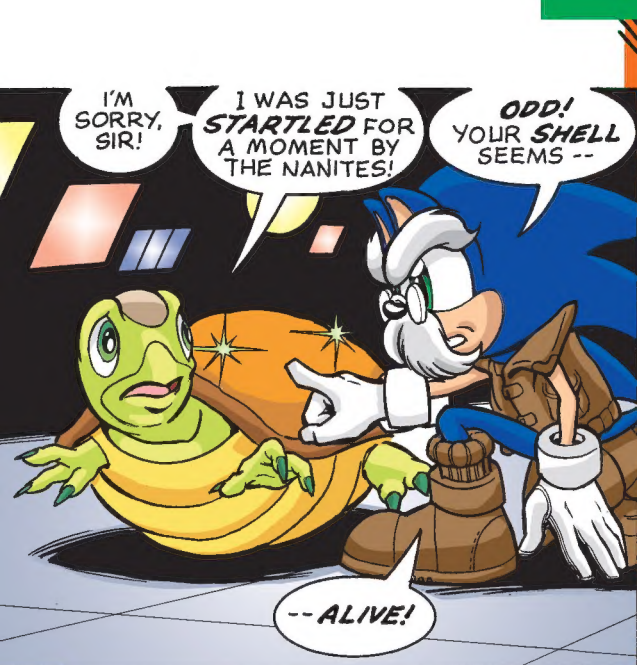
AFTER SEEING WHAT A **LOT** OF YOU **CAN** DO, I'M SURE YOU GUYS ARE **CAPABLE** OF **SOMETHING**!



SO WHY NOT **PROVE** TO --

WHA --?!



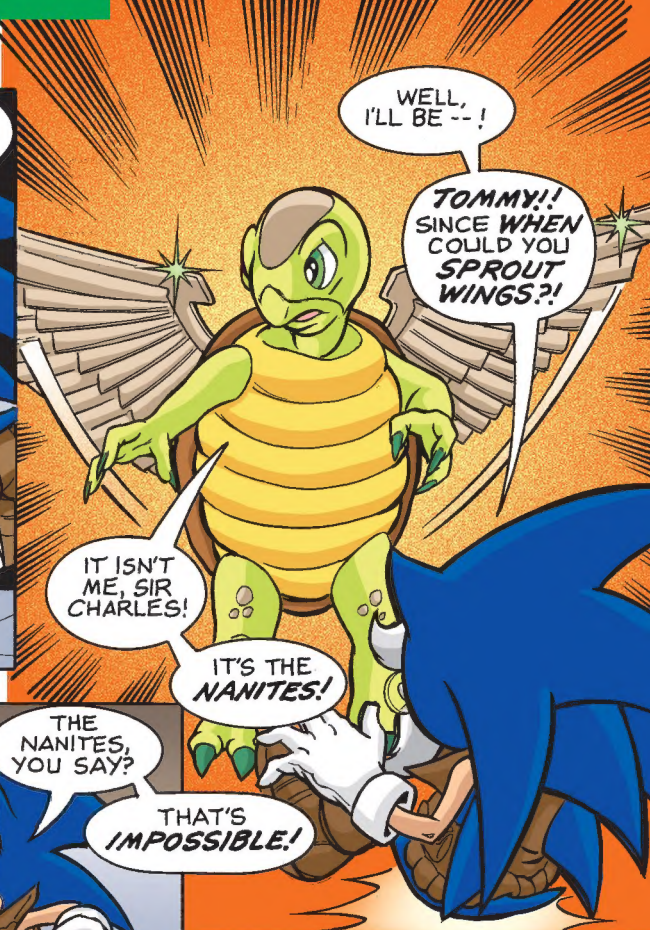


I'M SORRY, SIR!

I WAS JUST STARTLED FOR A MOMENT BY THE NANITES!

ODD! YOUR SHELL SEEMS --

-- ALIVE!



WELL, I'LL BE --!

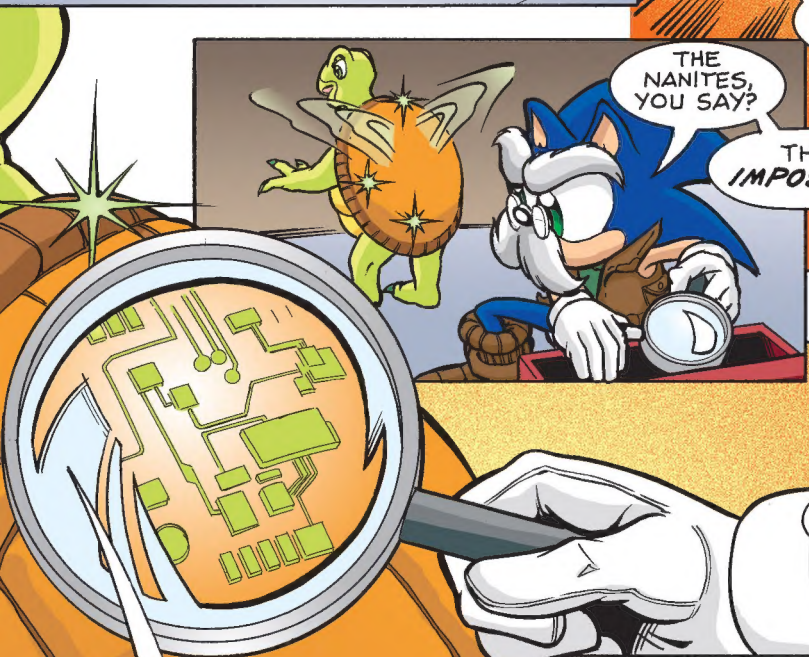
TOMMY!! SINCE WHEN COULD YOU SPROUT WINGS?!

IT ISN'T ME, SIR CHARLES!

IT'S THE NANITES!

THE NANITES, YOU SAY?

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!



BY JOVE, YOUR SHELL IS NOW COMPOSED ENTIRELY OF NANITES!

HOW PARASITIC!

SYMBIOTIC IS MORE LIKE IT, SIR!

APPARENTLY THE ELECTRICAL CHARGE PLUS MY TEARS ENABLED THEM TO MAKE CONTACT!

ONCE THEY MADE A CONNECTION WITH MY NERVOUS SYSTEM, IT PROVIDED THE CRITICAL MASS THEY NEEDED TO GROW, LEARN AND THRIVE!



AND HOW DO YOU BENEFIT?

THAT REMAINS TO BE SEEN, SIR!



THE QUESTION THEN BECOMES -- DO I HAVE CONTROL --

-- OR DO THEY?

SOMETIME LATER, UPON RECEIVING SIR CHARLES' CALL, THE **KNOTHOLE BRAIN TRUST** GATHERS TO FIND...

-- AND ALL I HAD TO DO WAS **THINK I WANTED TO GO SOMEWHERE**--

YOU **FORGETTING** SOMETHING?
IF YOU CAME UP WITH THE **ORIGINAL THOUGHT** WHAT DID THE **NANITES** DO?
GOOD POINT--

-- AND **LOOK!**

MY **SHELL BECOMES A JET-PACK!**

-- EXCEPT I **ONLY** THOUGHT ABOUT GOING **SOMEWHERE**--

-- **NOT WHERE AND HOW!!!**

WELL, EVERYONE --
-- I THINK THE **QUESTION** HAS BEEN **SETTLED** ONCE AND FOR ALL!

WE'RE JUST GOING FOR A TEST DRIVE

DEFINITELY NOT THE END!